

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

a) By-Law I. Section 6: Now reads: "A member whose dues have not been paid within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Executive Committee will forfeit the privileges of *membership*. *Such members may be reinstated upon payment of current dues.*" Proposed change: ". . . membership. Such members may be reinstated upon payment of dues owed during the period of delinquency plus the current dues." The reason is obvious. If the returning member does not pay the delinquent dues, he has then received the Bulletin free for at least a year.

b) Article II. Now reads: "Object: The objective of the Society shall be to promote the study of Coleoptera." Proposed change: *Object and Operation*: The object of the Society shall be the advancement of the science of Coleopterology in all its aspects of theory, principles, methodology, and practice, for both living and fossil beetles, with emphasis on areas of common interest to all coleopterists regardless of individual specialization. With this object in mind, the Society shall be organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes." This amendment and the next are necessary for our tax exempt status.

c) By-Law V. *Termination of the Society*. Now reads: "If, for any reason, the Coleopterists Society is terminated, the assets of the Society will be *turned over to the Entomological Society of America.*" Proposed change: ". . . distributed to the 1) Society of Systematic Zoology, or 2) Entomological Society of America. However, if neither of the named recipients is then in existence, or if neither is then a qualified distributee, or if neither is willing or able to accept the distribution, then the assets of this organization shall be distributed to a fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

d) By-Law II. Section 1. Now reads: "The officers and council of the Society shall serve as the Executive Committee. The immediate Past-President of the Society shall sit for one term as an *ex-officio* member of the Executive, and shall be entitled to vote." Proposed change: "The officers, the council, and the editor of the Coleopterists Bulletin, shall serve as the Executive Committee. The immediate Past-President of the Society shall sit for one term as an *ex-officio* member of the Executive, and shall be entitled to vote." Until now there has been little contact between the Executive Committee and the Editor of the Bulletin. If the Editor is considered a full voting member of the Executive, he will be in a better position to present publication matters to the officers and council and to get increased feedback from them. Since the journal and its editor are not mentioned elsewhere in the Constitution, the following By-Law might also be added.

e) "By-Law VII. *Journal*. The journal of the Society shall be called the "Coleopterists Bulletin" and shall be conducted by an Editor, who shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee."

